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SUBJ: UGANDA REFUGEES; PROPOSED VISIT OF METSON, D/HA/ORM

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1. METSON VISIT AS PROPOSED STATE REFTEL IS CONVENIENT AND TEMELY. POL COUNSELOR CURTIS KAMMAN WOULD LIKE TO GIVE DINNER FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 24, FOR NETSON AND LOCAL INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN REFUGEE AFFAIRS. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN ITINERARY IS FIRM. FYI, KAMMAN PLANS TO BE OUT OF TOWN WEEK OF JUNE 27.
2. DEPENDING ON EMBASSY KHARTOUM'S VIEWS CONCERNING STOP IN JUBA, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER TRAVELLING DIRECT FROM JUBA TO NAIBOI ON ONCE-A-WEEK SUDAN AIRWAYS FLIGHT WHICH OPERATES ON TUESDAYS.
3. BELIEVE VISIT TO KISUMU AND NEARBY POINTS WOULD BE USEFUL. BARRING UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS, EMBASSY OFFICER WILL ACCOMPANY.
4. SUBSEQUENT TO DISPATCH OF NAIROBI REFTEL, WE DISCUSSED REFUGEE SITUATION WITH DR. MARTIN ALIKER,
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PROMINENT UGANDAN DENTIST WHO HAS LIVED IN NAIROBI FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HE SAYS VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION CONTRIBUTIONS IN PAST TWO MONTHS HAVE GIVEN MUCH-NEEDED BOOST TO EFFORTS TO HELP UGANDAN REFUGEES. HE CITED CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$10,000 FROM BRITIAN, \$40,000 FROM AUSTRALIA, AND \$120,000 FROM GERMANY. HE CLAIMED CREDIT FOR RAISING THIS MONEY, BUT NOTED THAT IT IS CHANNELED THROUGH JOINT

REFUGEE SERVICES OF KENYA, THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION
IN NAIROBI FOR REFUGEE WELFARE ASSISTANCE. IN ADDITION,
HE SAID A BAPTIST GROUP WHICH HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN UGANDA
IN THE PAST HAS GIVEN HIM A DISCRETIONARY FUND OF
\$25,000 WHICH HE HAS DISBURSED TO NEEDY INDIVIDUALS IN
AMOUNTS NOT EXCEEDING \$100, AND FOR WHICH HE HAS MAINTAINED
CAREFUL RECORDS. ALIKER OBSERVED SOMEWHAT RUEFULLY THAT
WORD OF HIS EFFORTS TO HELP REFUGEES HAS REACHED UGANDA.
WHEREAS A YEAR AGO HE FELT THAT 95 PER CENT OF THOSE COMING
TO HIM WERE BONA FIDE REFUGEES, HE BELIEVES THAT ONLY
ABOUT 75 PER CENT ARE CURRENTLY BONA FIDE, WHILE THE
OTHER ARE FREELoadERS WHO HAVE NO STRONG REASONS OF
PERSONAL SAFETY FOR FLEEING UGANDA.
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